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Applicants submit this communication and the attached Form PTO-1449 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of the documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed as part of this communication.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly-assigned U.S. non-provisional patent applications which are listed in the following table. Copies of these applications as filed are included with this communication.

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As part of this communication, Applicants are providing copies of International Search Reports (“ISRs”) which issued in connection with the following PCT patent applications, which correspond to the above-referenced co-pending U.S. applications.

| PCT Application No. | Corresponding U.S. Application |
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As part of this communication, Applicants are providing English language abstracts for German-language patent documents DE 196 15 190 and DE 199 30 660.

Applicants are not providing an English-language translation of WO 99/02366, published in the Japanese language. An English-language abstract is provided on the first page of the published WO 99/02366 application.

Applicants are not providing an English-language translation of German-language document XP02221129, “Realzeitsysteme zur Prozessautomatisierung,” cited on Form PTO-1449. This document is cited in the ISR for PCT/EP02/07513, and its relevance is discussed in the ISR.

Applicants are providing a partial English-language translation of document “NC/CNC Handbuch,” cited on Form PTO-1449 and published in the German language. The document, including the partial translation, is directed to general background information on NC and CNC controllers.

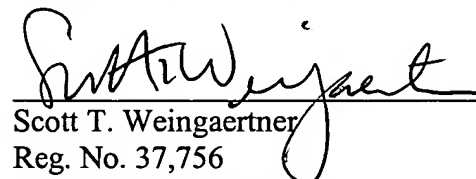
Document EP 875,023, cited on Form PTO-1449, contains the entire disclosure of WO 97/26587, published in the German language. Applicants are providing a copy of US 6,263,487, which is an English-language member of the same patent family as EP 875,023.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits according to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Therefore, no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, should any fee be deemed necessary in connection with this filing, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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